



BENNY BENDIX, JOSEPH PIATT, AND DEADLINE DICK
... Benny Comes Clean With All The Answers

Storkatorials

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Ault, 17495 Yukon avenue, a daughter, born June 9 at 12:15 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alves, 21202 Bolsa avenue, a daughter, born June 9 at 8:33 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette E. Ely, 910 Del Amo boulevard, a son, born June 10 at 11:07 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwell S. Dains, 1312 W. 220th street, a daughter, born June 11 at 7:34 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Grabb, 23229 Faiena avenue, a daughter, born June 7 at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Hall, 5479 Sharynne Lane, a son, born June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hasegawa, 20631 Hawthorne boulevard, a son, born June 11 at 4:19 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jackson, 966 W. 256th street, Harbor City, a daughter, born June 11 at 7:45 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Johnson, 21247 Archibald avenue, a son, born June 13 at 8:18 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Klink, Jr., 1633 Post avenue, a son, born June 7 at 6 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral J. Preece, 424 Harbor Hills, a son, born June 13.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Santos, 21326 S. Normandie avenue, June 9, twins, a girl, at 10:31 p.m., a boy, 10:42 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vice, 23516 Narbonne avenue, a son, born June 10.

IT'S EASY TO WRING THE TRUTH FROM BENNY

By DEADLINE DICK

Talking washing machines, I discovered this week, lead a pretty clean life.

At least Benny Bendix, the talking shirt-scrubber does. Getting a tip from an ad man I know, I put on my interviewing garb and rolled up to the Universal Furniture Store at 1317 Sartori avenue, and there it was right where the publicity man said it would be.

The boss editor said we might be able to wring some dirt out of this chattering clothes-cleaner that would make a pretty good story.

"Come back without a story, and you're all washed up," said the boss.

On our way over we stopped for a bucket of suds to fortify ourselves for the interview, which follows:

"What makes you talk?" we asked of Benny.

"My mother was scared by a singing commercial," boomed Benny in a clear FM voice.

In spite of his tattle-tale graying temples, Benny is a rather youngish clean-cut chap who enjoys his Scotch Plaid and Washing Soda chasers as well as the next guy.

His pet peeve is the charge that his boss, Harry Oster, Owner of the Universal Furniture Company, is being taken to the cleaners.

"That's a dirty lie. Actually, Harry is cleaning up on this deal," Benny claims.

First Graduation Exercises Held on El Camino Campus

In American colleges and schools lies our greatest hope for preserving the culture of western civilization, Dr. Arthur Gardner Coons told 285 graduates of El Camino College at the third commencement exercises held on the college campus last Friday afternoon.

This year's record graduation class was the first to hold ceremonies on the permanent campus. The colorful ceremony was observed from the newly constructed track stadium by several hundred parents and friends.

Associate of Arts degrees were presented by Robert Russell, president of the college board of trustees. The invocation was given by the Reverend Cecil England, pastor of the Torrance First Christian Church. College President Forrest G. Murdock presented the graduates.

Dr. Coons, president of Occidental College, in his address on "Human Dignity and Democratic Life" called for education for responsibility, self reliance, and individuality as a means of maintaining our democracy. "The standards for which our colleges stand are being undermined by totalitarianism," he said. "It is essential that we restore confidence in education."

Among the conditions undermining society Dr. Coons listed an increasing dependence on the state, development of the "corporate personality," dependence on the thinking of others, militarism as a gospel of force, and the rise of "no-thingsism," a popularization of the cult of the cheap and common. One major job of the modern college, he declared, is to combat the concept of anti-intellectualism.

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Former Bus Department Employee Asks Reinstatement As Foreman

Among the many items on the agenda of last week's council meeting was a request from Merlin R. Cook, 2319 Arlington avenue, that he be restored as bus maintenance foreman.

Cook maintained he was entitled to be reinstated to that position under the rules of the Civil Service Commission. He said that the position was abolished—thus costing him his job. Later when the job was recreated he was not offered the position as provided under Civil Service procedure, he said.

The matter was referred to a meeting of the transportation committee at which time the City Attorney, Marshall Chamberlain, bus line manager, and Cook will meet to discuss the matter.

Other business conducted by the Council included: Referred to a joint Council-Planning Commission meeting a request for a change of zone affecting a commercial area at 170th street and Crenshaw boulevard.

Renewed the contract with the Los Angeles County Health department wherein the county will be paid \$1.72 per each call made by the county on behalf of the City of Torrance.

Referred to an agenda meeting a request by the South Bay Humane Society for a renewal of the current contract.

Denied a request for a license by the Consolidated Photographers of Hollywood.

Referred to Commissioner of Buses, Councilman Willys G. Blount, a letter from Pearl Lindsay regarding bus fares to downtown Torrance.

Denied a request of the Shoreline Planning Commission for payment of dues.

Referred to Superintendent of

the sum of \$2,143.95 for paving Hawthorne boulevard south of Newton street. (County Gas Tax Funds).

4. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services on street improvement projects, the sum of \$390. (From State Gas Tax Funds).

5. To Mayo Construction Company for construction of recreation buildings, the sum of \$8,007.00. (Public Improvement Funds).

6. For the purchase of two electric typewriters, the sum of \$335.00 each plus sales tax, one for engineer's and city manager's office and one for city attorney's office.

7. To the Standard Welding and Mfg. Co. for repair of City equipment, the sum of \$340.50.

8. For the purchase of map racks for the planning commission and city council chamber, the sum of \$383.80 plus sales tax.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the city invite bids for gasoline and oil requirements for the 1950-51 fiscal year. Bids to be received on June 27, 1950.

2. That the city attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary resolution to initiate proceedings for vacating Huber street in Tract No. 5944.

3. That the City enter into a contract with Barnett, Hopewell and Smith, Civil Engineers, for the preparation of assessment district data for the proposed Sewer Assessment District in Arlington avenue and other streets in the City of Torrance.

Approved the request that the

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city vacate certain alleys in the Shady Nook Tract and instructed the City Attorney to draft the necessary ordinance.

Ordered City manager Stevens to arrange a meeting with officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company with an aim of improving telephone service for the city. The motion came following the reading of a letter from the Torrance Lions Club in which the club besought the city to take steps to improve the service.

Referred to Superintendent of Streets Ralph Perkins a request from L. Dombrowski that a "No Through Street" sign be installed at 168th street and Yukon

avenue. Denied payment of an appropriation to the Los Angeles County X-ray foundation on the grounds that the undertaking was not a proper one for the expenditure of public funds. The recommendation against the payment was made by the League of California Cities.

Referred to the Transportation Committee a proposal by the Recreation Committee that bus transportation from the city to the beach area be established during the summer months.

Handed to Police Chief John Stroh for recommendation a request for crossing guard protection on Highway 101 near WALTERIA and El Retiro Parks.

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